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### PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

A spat between Sam Burke and Detective Rowand uncovers a connection between suicide victim, Bill Winston, and gang leader Carlos Nortego. Meanwhile, Jim miraculously survives the unexpected explosion at Benny Vicari's home.

Marc pays Sara a visit to interview her about the hospital fire, but is much more interested in Jim's take. After a brief exchange with Jim, and an interruption by Sara, Marc and Sara's friend, Judy leave to let Sara and Jim cool off.

Judy is mistaken for Sara in a kidnapping, and Jim learns to summon his new power to save her. He finally gets answers when one of the kidnappers gives him the name of someone connected to his past. Fueled with rage, Jim sends the thug plummeting to his cement grave.

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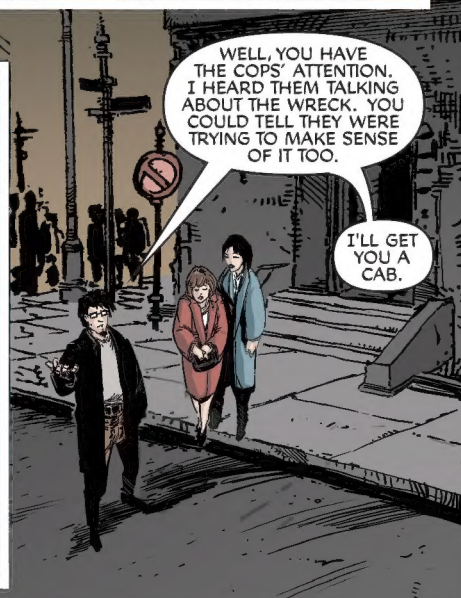
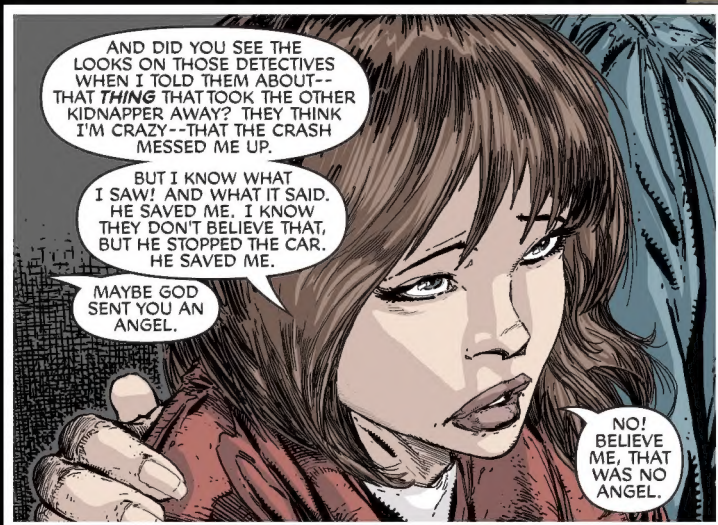
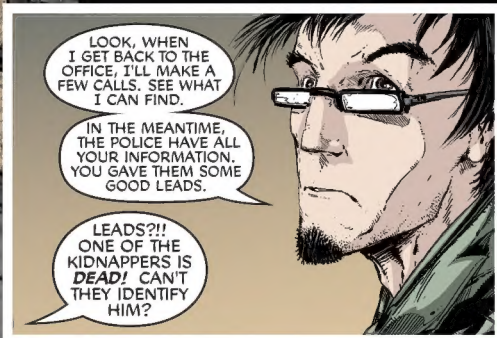
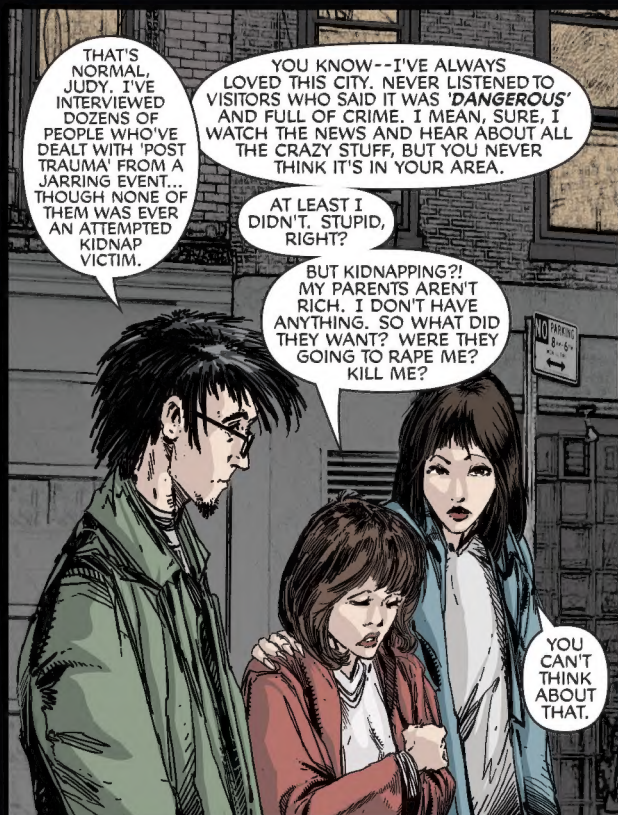
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MARC, CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR? IF YOU SEE JIM AGAIN, TELL HIM I WENT TO JUDY'S.

THAT'S IF YOU FIND HIM.

WHY DO YOU THINK HE DIDN'T SHOW UP? HE KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING.



HE JUST DOES THAT, MARC. UP AND DISAPPEARS TO GOD KNOWS WHERE.

I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I SEE HIM. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU TWO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES. TRY AND GET SOME REST.

THANKS, AND I'M GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER.

UNH?

YOUR COUGH? IT STOPPED. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU ONCE AT THE PRECINCT.



?

HOLY SH...

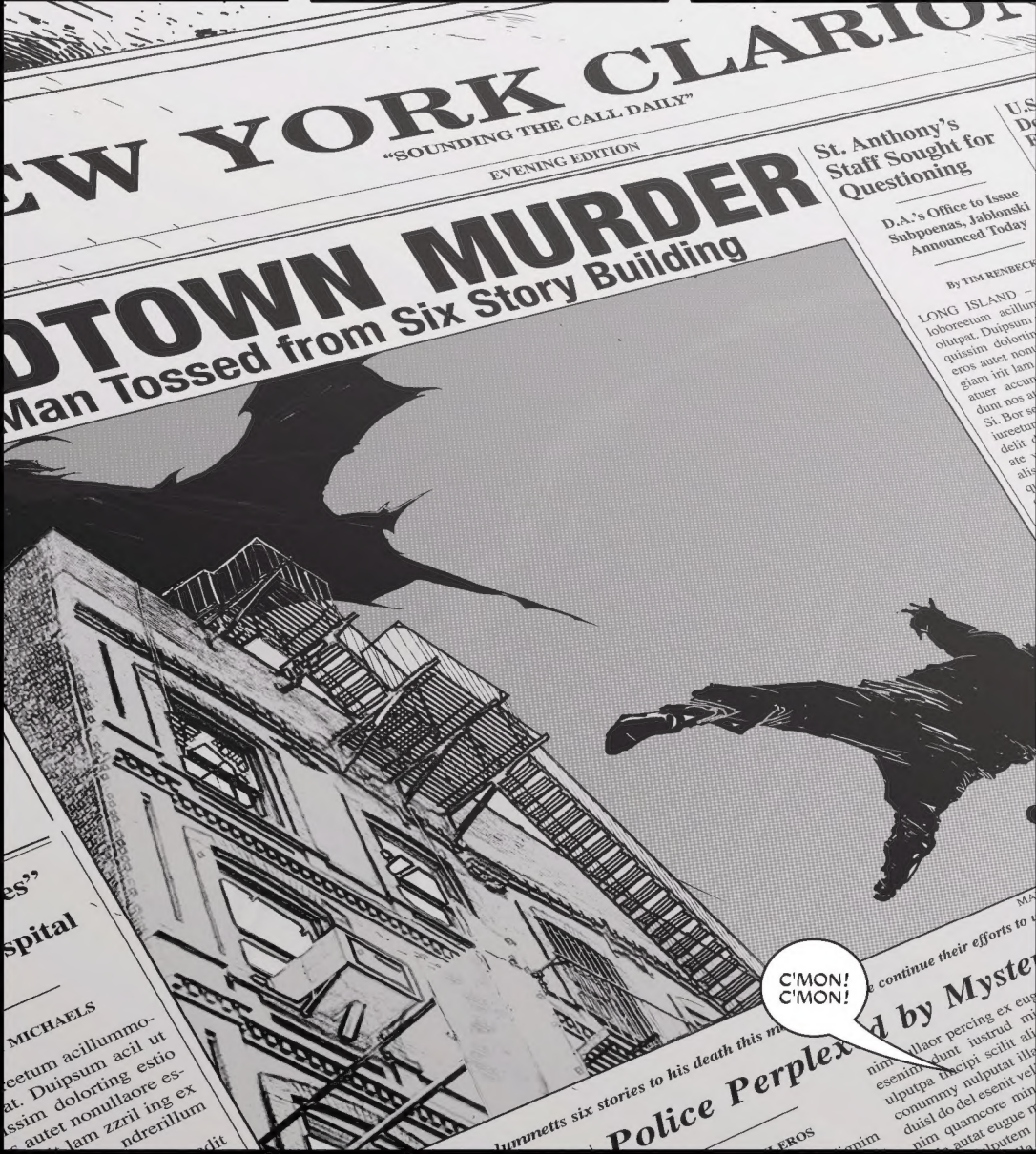
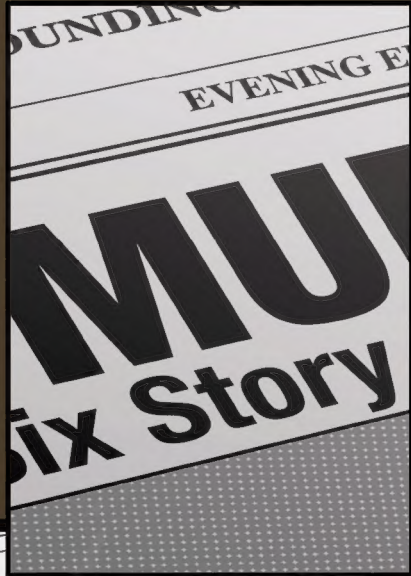
IT'S JIM!

HE'S THE ONE CURING EVERYONE!

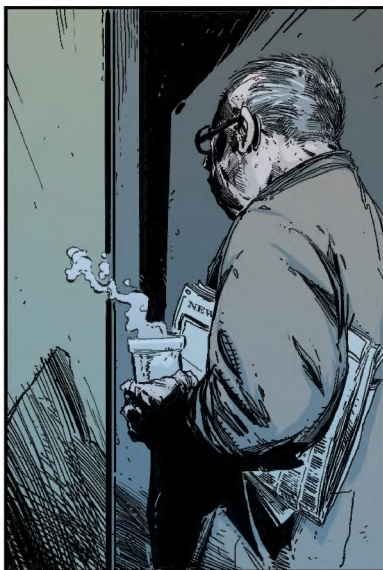
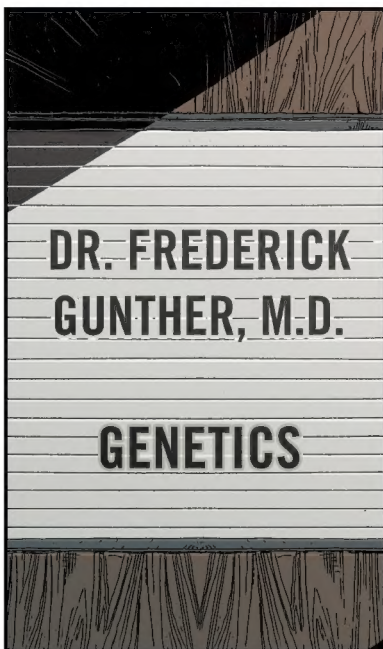




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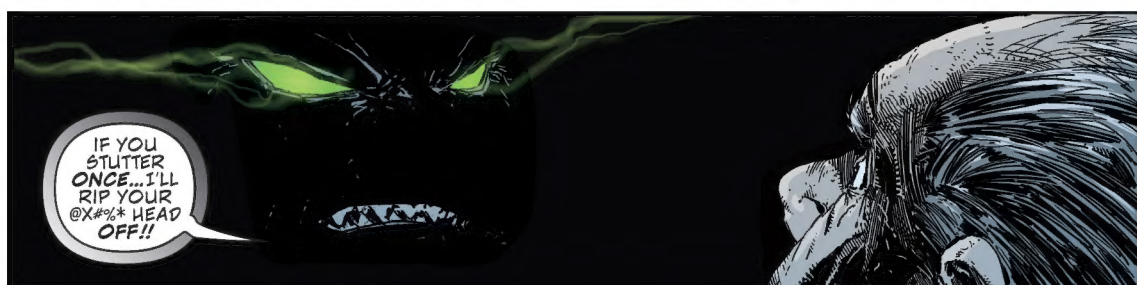
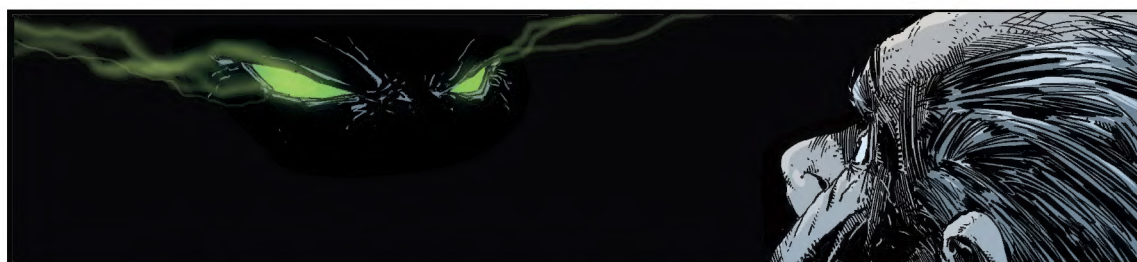
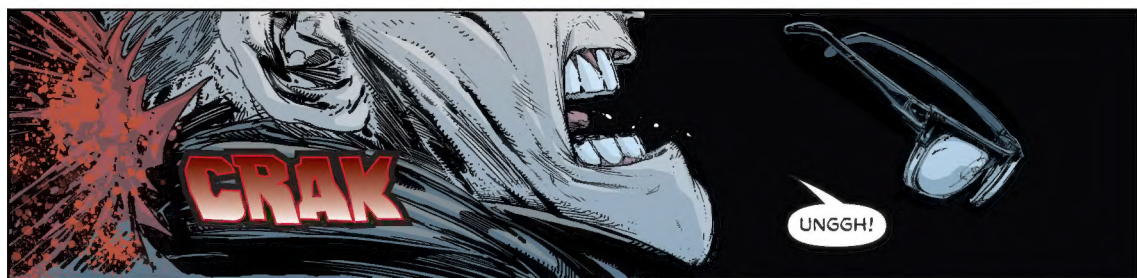
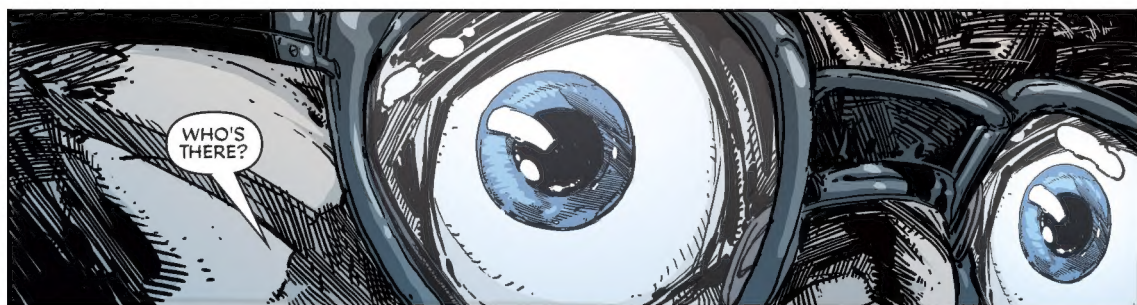


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CRAP.











BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER EVERY ONE OF MY QUESTIONS.


STARTING WITH--WHO'S **PATIENT 47?**

THERE'S... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

**YOU JUST STUTTERED!**

**WAIT!**

HOW DO YOU EVEN KNOW ABOUT HIM?



I'M ASKING THE QUESTIONS-- NOT YOU!

ONE LAST TIME, WHO'S PATIENT 47?





I NEVER MET HIM, AT LEAST NOT DIRECTLY. THAT'S NOT WHY THEY HIRED ME.

HIRED YOU FOR WHAT?

TO SEE IF I COULD COMBINE ALL OF THEIR PRIOR RESEARCH INTO A SINGLE WORKING MODEL.



WHAT WERE THEY RESEARCHING?

EVERY-THING. YOU NAME IT...



MOLECULAR RESTRUCTURING. DNA PROTOTYPING. SENSORY ALIGNING. AGE RETARDATION.

THEY WERE LIKE THE GODDAMN NAZIS! EXPERIMENTING ON EVERY CRAZY IDEA THAT CAME TO THEIR MINDS.

FOR HOW LONG?

AT LEAST A DECADE, MAYBE MORE. I JUST CAME IN NEAR THE END-- BEGINNING WITH PATIENT 42.



EVERY-ONE THEY EXPERIMENTED ON WAS ASSIGNED A NUMBER. THOUGH MOST DIDN'T LIVE PAST THEIR INTIAL TESTING PHASES. EVENTUALLY THEY SHUT IT ALL DOWN. THEY EVEN RELEASED SOME OF THE PATIENTS OUT INTO THE WORLD.

HOW MANY WERE THERE?

FORTY-SEVEN. HE WAS THE LAST ONE.





WHY  
WAS HE THE  
LAST?

THEY DIDN'T  
TELL US. THERE  
WERE HUNDREDS  
OF US IN THE LABS.  
WE COULDN'T  
CREATE WHAT THEY  
WANTED.



AND  
WHAT DID  
THEY WANT  
YOU TO  
CREATE?

A  
GOD.



**THUNK**

WHO  
GAVE THE  
ORDERS?  
I WANT A  
NAME!

**NORTEGO.**  
IT WAS  
ALWAYS  
NORTEGO.



IF YOU'RE LYING I'LL COME BACK AND I'LL DO TO YOU WHAT I DID TO THE OTHERS.

# TEK



NEW YORK CITY  
DAILY NEWS  
MIDTOWN MURDER  
Man found dead in Greenwich Village

A collage of newspaper clippings. Visible headlines include "MURDER" (appearing twice), "ORION", and "MURDER". The text is partially obscured and stylized.



**MURDER**  
Building

St. Anthony  
South Seattle  
Quintessential

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**MURDER**  
Building

U.S. Government  
Division "Lancet"  
Flourish

**ARIO**

St. Anthony's  
Staff Surge  
Quest

**YORK**

**MURDER**  
Six Story Building





POLICE ARE NOW TRYING TO FIND THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON WHO, INCREDIBLY, WAS AT STREET LEVEL WHEN THE BODY OF THE VICTIM WAS THROWN OFF THE ROOF. FOR NOW, THE PHOTO IS RUNNING IN EVERY MAJOR NEWSPAPER IN TOWN AFTER A COPY OF IT WAS SOMEHOW DELIVERED TO EACH PAPER'S MAIN OFFICE ANONYMOUSLY. THEY WOULD LIKE TO QUESTION THE PHOTOGRAPHER WHO TOOK WHAT APPEARS TO BE A PHOTO TAKEN FROM A CELL PHONE.

FOR NOW, THE POLICE SAY THEY ARE RELEASING NO DETAILS, AS OF YET, ABOUT EITHER THE VICTIM OR THE ASSAILANT WITH WHAT LOOKS LIKE A HUGE BANNER OR POSSIBLE CAPE FLOWING BEHIND HIM.



IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED THAT OTHERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD HEARD A SCREAM MOMENTS BEFORE THE APPARENT MURDER TOOK PLACE. OUR REPORTERS ALSO FOUND OUT THAT ANOTHER DEAD BODY WAS FOUND ONLY A FEW BLOCKS AWAY IN AN ALLEGED AUTO ACCIDENT.

OUR SOURCES SAY THAT THE DRIVER IN THAT VEHICULAR DEATH MAY SOMEHOW BE RELATED TO THIS ROOFTOP INCIDENT, HAVING OVERHEARD THAT THE IDENTITIES OF THE TWO VICTIMS MAY BE INTERCONNECTED. WE'VE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM ANY OF THIS BUT WILL CONTINUE TO BRING YOU ANY BREAKING NEWS AS IT OCCURS.

AS FOR THE MURDERER, POLICE SEEM TO HAVE GATHERED LIMITED INFORMATION.



**YOU HEARD ME!!  
I SAID AWESOME!!**

IF THE RUMORS ARE TRUE AND BOTH VICTIMS DO HAVE TIES TO THE UNDERGROUND CRIME CARTEL, THEN I WANT TO KNOW THE NAME OF THE HERO THAT THREW HIM OFF THE ROOF, SO I CAN HAVE A PARTY FOR HIM.

WITH THE GOVERNMENT TAKING OVER OUR LIVES AND BAILING OUT EVERY CORPORATE ENTITY WITH OUR TAX DOLLARS, WE'VE ALL BECOME VICTIMS!! SO I APPLAUD YOU CITIZENS THAT HAVE WOKEN UP TO THE FACT WE NEED MORE PRO-ACTIVE RESPONSES TO SAVE OUR COUNTRY FROM COMPLETE COLLAPSE. AND IF THAT MAY MEAN TOSSING SOME OF THE CRIMINALS FROM A BUILDING THEN SO BE IT.

MY ONLY COMPLAINT HERE IS THAT ALL THE POLITICIANS AND CEO'S ARE CROOKS TOO. THOSE TEA PARTY GROUPS MAY HAVE IT RIGHT! NEXT TIME LET'S NOT THROW TEA INTO THE OCEAN LET'S THROW ALL THE POLITICIANS IN THE WATER INSTEAD!





JIM'S STILL NOT THERE? WELL, WHERE COULD HE BE?

YEAH, I KNOW, YOU'VE SAID THAT BEFORE. I JUST NEED TO TALK TO HIM.

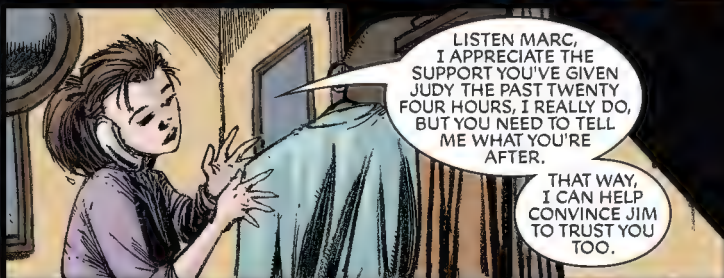
BECAUSE I DO.

LOOK, SARA, I THINK I'M ON TO SOMETHING INCREDIBLE HERE.



SOMETHING THAT COULD POSSIBLY CHANGE BOTH OUR LIVES, BUT I NEED TO BE SURE ABOUT THIS. OKAY? IF I'M OFF JUST A LITTLE, THEY'LL LAUGH ME OUT OF THIS PROFESSION.

BUT IF I'M RIGHT... WOW!



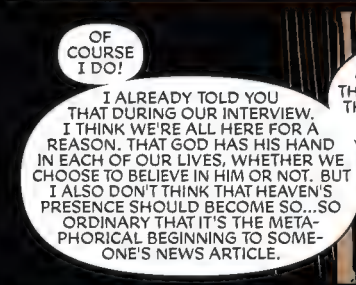
LISTEN MARC, I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT YOU'VE GIVEN JUDY THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS, I REALLY DO, BUT YOU NEED TO TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE AFTER.

THAT WAY, I CAN HELP CONVINCE JIM TO TRUST YOU TOO.



I CAN'T, NOT RIGHT NOW.

BUT LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING. YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST DON'T YOU?



OF COURSE I DO!

I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT DURING OUR INTERVIEW. I THINK WE'RE ALL HERE FOR A REASON. THAT GOD HAS HIS HAND IN EACH OF OUR LIVES, WHETHER WE CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IN HIM OR NOT. BUT I ALSO DON'T THINK THAT HEAVEN'S PRESENCE SHOULD BECOME SO...SO ORDINARY THAT IT'S THE METAPHORICAL BEGINNING TO SOMEONE'S NEWS ARTICLE.

SO IF THIS IS SOMEHOW TIED TO JIM'S CURRENT SITUATION-- I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE EXPLOITING THAT. HE'S LOOKING TO FIND HIS PAST. HELP HIM WITH THAT AND I'M SURE HE'LL BE RESPONSIVE.

ANYWAY, I HAVE TO GO. I PROMISED JUDY I'D DROP A FEW THINGS OFF AT HER PLACE. CALL ME IF YOU FIND OUT ANYTHING ABOUT WHO HE IS.

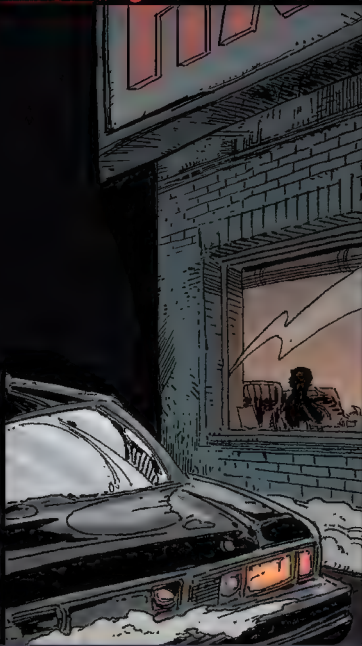


I ALREADY KNOW WHO HE IS.

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Later that night:



HEY BUD,  
WHERE DO  
YOU THINK  
YOU'RE  
HEADED?

INSIDE.



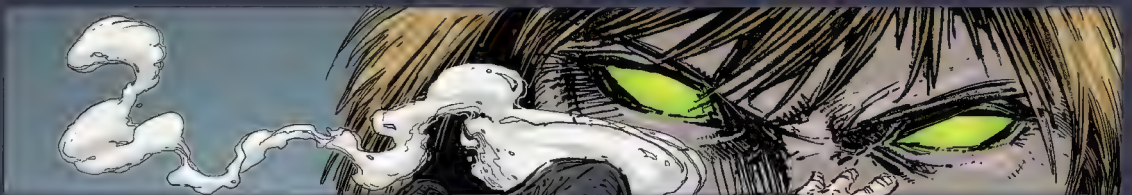
'FRAID  
NOT. THIS IS  
A PRIVATE  
ENTRANCE, SO  
YOU NEED TO  
GO AROUND  
FRONT.



YOU  
HEAR  
ME?

YOU'RE  
NOT  
GOING  
IN.

PHOOOSH



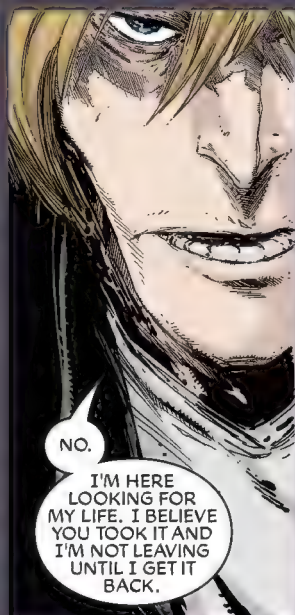
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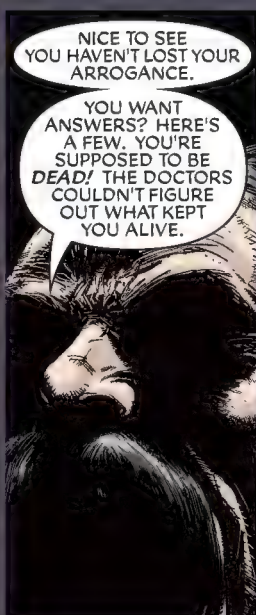






NO.

I'M HERE  
LOOKING FOR  
MY LIFE. I BELIEVE  
YOU TOOK IT AND  
I'M NOT LEAVING  
UNTIL I GET IT  
BACK.



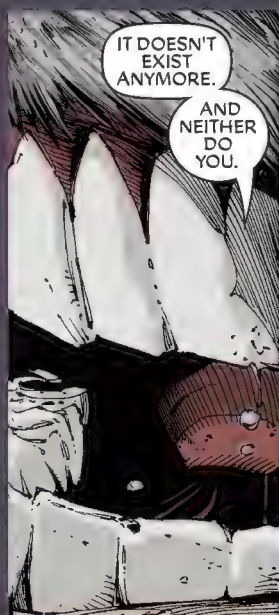
NICE TO SEE  
YOU HAVEN'T LOST YOUR  
ARROGANCE.

YOU WANT  
ANSWERS? HERE'S  
A FEW. YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
**DEAD!** THE DOCTORS  
COULDN'T FIGURE  
OUT WHAT KEPT  
YOU ALIVE.



BUT YOU  
WERE. THAT  
MADE YOU OUR  
MOST VALUABLE  
PATIENT YET.  
THEN YOU WENT  
INTO THAT  
COMA.

WHAT'S  
MY REAL  
NAME?



IT DOESN'T  
EXIST  
ANymore.

AND  
NEITHER  
DO YOU.



**LOOK  
AT ME!!**  
LOOK AT MY  
**EYES!!**  
WHAT DID  
YOU DO TO  
ME?!

TAKE  
HIM  
OUT OF  
HERE!

YOU CAN'T  
**KILL ME,**  
CAN YOU? I'M  
STILL TOO  
**VALUABLE**  
TO YOU,  
AREN'T I?

SHUT  
THIS FREAK  
UP AND GET  
HIM TO THE  
LAB!

**KILL  
ME!**  
**WHY WON'T  
YOU KILL ME??**  
YOU'RE AFRAID OF  
SOMETHING, AREN'T  
YOU? OTHERWISE  
YOU'D SHOOT  
ME!



I DON'T  
NEED TO  
SHOOT YOU.  
NOT WHEN WE  
COMPLETELY  
**CONTROL**  
YOU.

YOU FORGOT  
ABOUT THAT,  
HAVEN'T YOU?  
JUST LIKE EVERY-  
THING ELSE.

HOW  
PATHETIC  
YOU'VE  
BECOME.



I'VE TRIGGERED  
A FREQUENCY THAT  
IS UNDETECTABLE TO  
EVERYONE BUT OUR  
PATIENTS. TO THEM IT  
CAN BE LETHAL.

BE  
THANKFUL  
I STILL  
WANT YOU  
ALIVE.

PLIX

TEK

PLIX

TEK

TEK

**Nooooo!!**

YOU  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO DO  
THIS!

AND  
WHY IS  
THAT?

BECAUSE  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW...

I NOW  
CONTROL  
THE  
**DARK!**

WHAT IS  
THAT?

SHOULD  
WE  
SHOOT?

BOSS!  
SOMETHING'S  
GROWING  
OUTTA HIM!



YEAGGGGH

STOP!..

CAN'T  
BREATHE...

≧GASP≦

PUFF  
HUFF

Jesus...







WHAT DID  
YOU DO TO  
MY MEN?!!

I TOOK  
THEM INTO THE  
DARKNESS.

AND  
SCARED  
THEM TO  
**DEATH!**

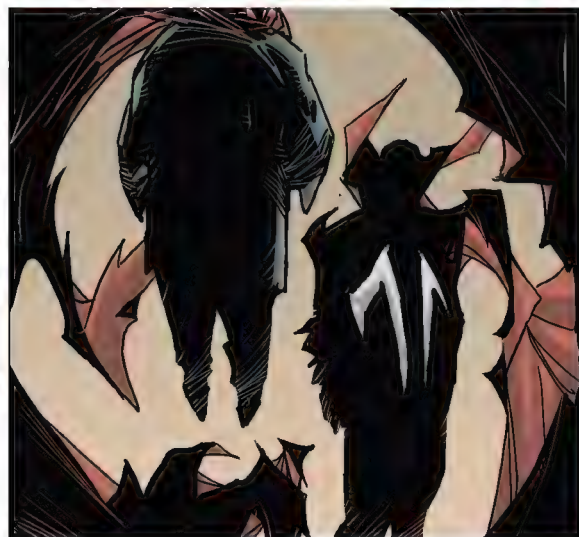
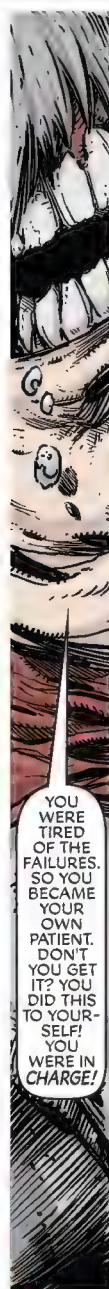
I'VE  
YOU TO  
THANK FOR  
THAT.

YOU  
AND YOUR  
STAFF...

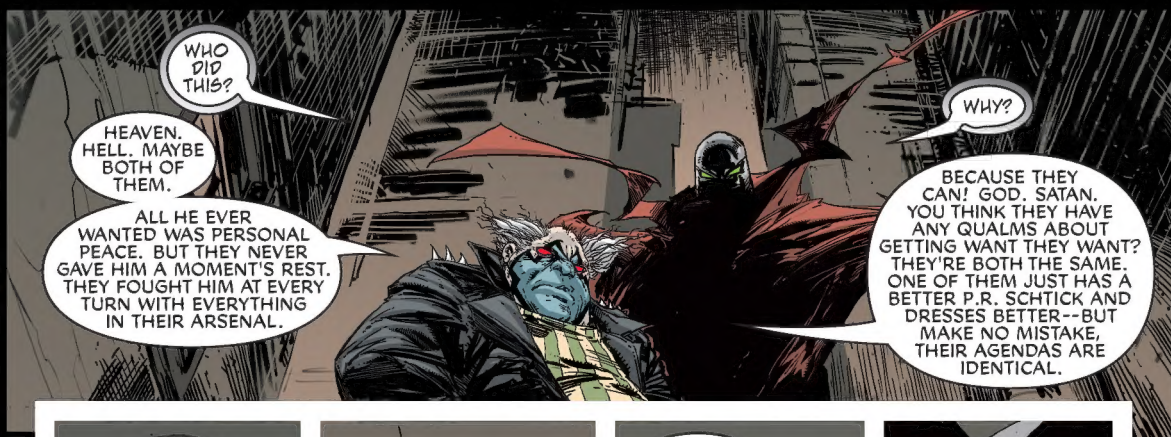


...FOR  
TURNING ME  
INTO THIS--THING!  
THIS ABORTION!  
NOW YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
**PAY!**













HE NEEDED SOMEONE TO CONTINUE HIS FIGHT AGAINST THE TYRANNY OF THOSE ALL TOO WILLING TO USE AND ABUSE HUMANITY. HE CHOSE YOU.

THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN ATTACKED SINCE THE MOMENT YOU CAME OUT OF YOUR COMA. ANGELS. GUARDIANS. DEMONS. THEY'RE NOT PULLING ANY PUNCHES IN THIS DEADLY GAME, BECAUSE BOTH SIDES ARE SCARED OF YOU NOW.



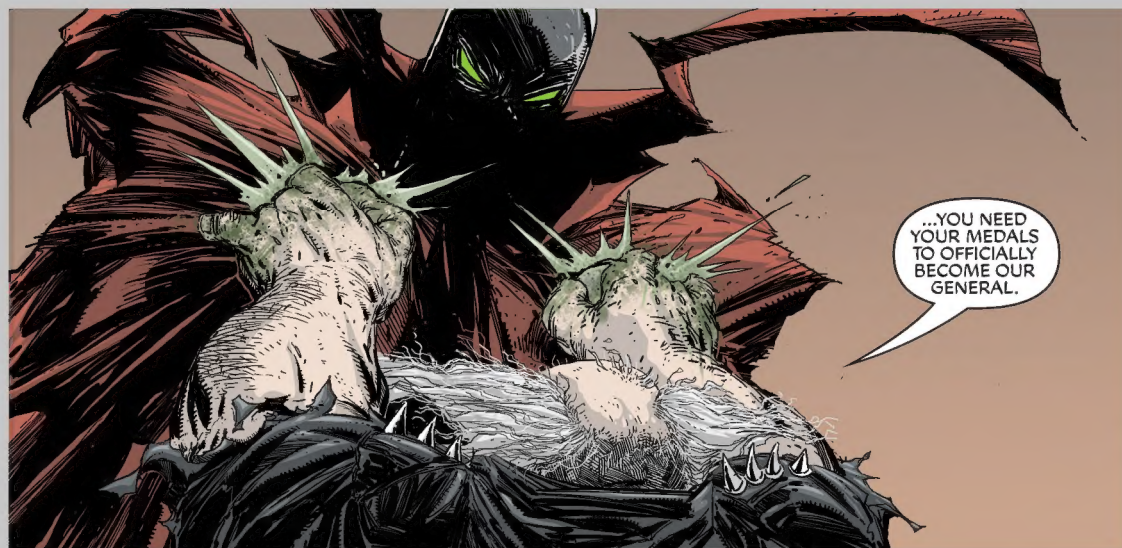
YOU NOW HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO STOP HEAVEN'S AND HELL'S AGENDA OF CORRUPTING EVERY HUMAN SOUL. WHICH MAKES YOU A VERY DANGEROUS MAN. AND A **VERY BIG** TARGET.

SO WE NEED YOU. EARTH NEEDS YOU-- TO BECOME OUR LEADER.

BUT FIRST...

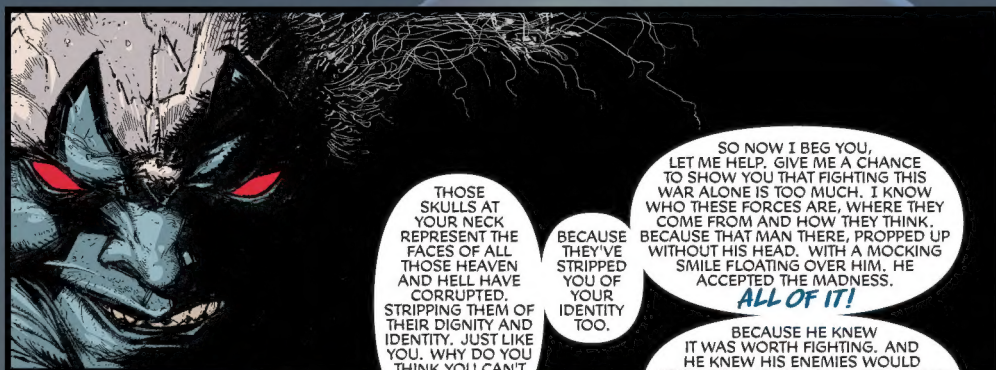


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...YOU NEED YOUR MEDALS TO OFFICIALLY BECOME OUR GENERAL.





THOSE  
SKULLS AT  
YOUR NECK  
REPRESENT THE  
FACES OF ALL  
THOSE HEAVEN  
AND HELL HAVE  
CORRUPTED.  
STRIPPING THEM OF  
THEIR DIGNITY AND  
IDENTITY. JUST LIKE  
YOU. WHY DO YOU  
THINK YOU CAN'T  
REMEMBER  
WHO YOU  
ARE...?

BECAUSE  
THEY'VE  
STRIPPED  
YOU OF  
YOUR  
IDENTITY  
TOO.

SO NOW I BEG YOU,  
LET ME HELP. GIVE ME A CHANCE  
TO SHOW YOU THAT FIGHTING THIS  
WAR ALONE IS TOO MUCH. I KNOW  
WHO THESE FORCES ARE, WHERE THEY  
COME FROM AND HOW THEY THINK.  
BECAUSE THAT MAN THERE, PROPPED UP  
WITHOUT HIS HEAD, WITH A MOCKING  
SMILE FLOATING OVER HIM, HE  
ACCEPTED THE MADNESS.

**ALL OF IT!**

BECAUSE HE KNEW  
IT WAS WORTH FIGHTING. AND  
HE KNEW HIS ENEMIES WOULD  
NEVER REST, WHICH IS WHY I FOUGHT  
BY HIS SIDE SO MANY TIMES. NOW I'LL  
LEAVE YOU ALONE, BUT I **IMPLORE**  
YOU--GO INTO THE NIGHT. BLANKET  
YOURSELF IN THE SHADOWS.  
FEEL YOUR POWER.

"YOU'RE A  
**SPAWN** NOW!"



"EMBRACE THAT  
AND YOU CAN  
BECOME EARTH'S  
**KING.**"







Tyrant  
Lizard  
King

EMPIRE